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INFORMATION REPORT

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1. All newspaper and book printing establishments with machinery of more than four h.p. were nationalized in 1950. Smaller establishments were forced by pressure and threats to merge with the existing larger printing shops. 25X1
2. All nationalized printing shops are under the Centrala Artelor Grafice (Graphic Arts Center), which is in turn under the Ministry of Arts. There is at least one State Printing Press, identified by a number, in each large town.
3. At Galati a total of 14 printing shops, with equipment valued at 200,000,000 lei (before stabilization), were nationalized and combined into Centrul Polygrafic No. 12 (State Printing Shop No. 12). It is located at Strada Reconstructiei No. 13.
4. Only part of the equipment from the nationalized shops was retained; the remainder was transferred to other nationalized plants. The large rotary press formerly used by the newspaper Actiunea was dismantled and sent to the USSR.
6. Owners of the nationalized printing presses were employed as workers by State Printing Shop No. 12. They were compelled after one year to sign statements, under threat of dismissal and trial, that they had presented their presses as a gift to the State.
7. The newspaper press is principally devoted to printing the Communist Party daily, Viata Noua, of which 10,000 copies are distributed to subscribers in Galati and vicinity. Other sections do job printing, make copy books and registers, do bookbinding, make cardboard items, and turn out rubber and metal stamps.

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8. State Printing Shop No. 12 has seven or eight large presses and machinery for bookbinding, cardboard processing, and stamp manufacturing. Forty-five workers and 15 clerical assistants are employed.
9. Its products go to all government offices at Galati, Focsani, Buzau, Tecuci, and to some certain offices in Bucharest.
10. Work norms have been steadily increased, with the result that many workers cannot fulfill them and now earn less than the basic wages.
11. The following officials of the State Printing Shop No. 12, Galati, are known.
 - a. Solomon Nahminovici [redacted]
 - b. Aurel Insler. Deputy Director [redacted]

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